Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member has to discuss the repercussions in this State of an Act of the Sister State. Then the action of that Sister State will have to be discussed. When once I allow that, another Hon'ble Member may get up and say that in his opinion the action of any other Government is wrong. It involves the rightness and wrongness of the doings of that Government. Then, how can we discuss the repercussions?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—We do not want to discuss the sister State. We want to discuss the effects of them in our State.

Mr. President.—I am afraid I cannot allow that. It is not possible to discuss the repercussions. If it is intended only to discuss the question of untouchability, then untouchability is not a question of recent occurrence in this State. If, on the other hand, it is intended to discuss the repercussions in this State, on the action of other Governments, that does not come within the purview of this Council. The original Act being the Act of another Government, that cannot be discussed in this Council. For these reasons, I hold that the motion is out of order.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—If the river is over-flooded, should we not take precautionary measures, although the source is in Travancore?

Motion was ruled out of order.

An observation by the Hon'ble the President re. Procedure in the Council.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—I want to make a statement about the resentment of the public on the Newspaper Regulation.

Mr. President.—It is not before the House.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—That is why I request the President to allow me to do so.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member knows the most elementary procedure of the Legislature that only subjects put down on the Agenda can be discussed, or subjects on which an adjournment motion can be moved.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—At least in this Legislative Council, during my life time as a Member, we had such instances before. The rulings of those Presidents may be wrong. But we had such instances. We were making statements, we have been making statements and we had made statements even.

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The then Presidents have allowed the Hon'ble Members to make a statement, even, if I may be permitted to say so, to adjourn the House. When I moved the motion, it was the statement that I placed before the President.

Mr. President:—When an Hon'ble Member gets up to speak in this House, it must be either to make a certain observation regarding a subject that is put down for discussion in the Agenda or to elicit a point of order or to make any motion under the rules or of Standing Orders. I would like from the Hon'ble Member to know under which of these categories he wants to speak?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—The other day when I made a motion, the Hon'ble the President remarked that I should not state any reason for the motion. It was an identical motion which the Hon'ble Members moved one or two years back and then the President allowed the Hon'ble Members to make a statement.

Mr. President.—Under the rules, is he now moving that motion?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—Yes, I shall move it, when there is a clear ruling of the President. Last time when I moved for the adjournment of the House, the Hon'ble President ruled it out of order.

Mr. President.—I said I should not accept the motion.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—The effect is all the same.

Mr. President.—What has that to do with the statement of the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—I may be allowed to make such a motion.

Mr. President.—He is at liberty to move that motion and it will be open for me to give my ruling.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—I move that the business of the House be adjourned.

Mr. President.—I refuse to accept the motion.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—In that case, I may be permitted to make my statement. It was an identical case, where another President gave us premission to make a statement. If you go through the proceedings, you will clearly see that.

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Should we not make our postion clear? As a protest against the recent promulgation of the Newspaper Regulation, I and some of my friends wish to repeat what we did the other day. We want to make our position clear why we want to walk out of the Council. That is why we want to make a statement. If the Hon'ble President does not allow that, then I am quite helpless.

Mr. President.—May I make my statement? I can assure the House that it will never be my intention to stifle any discussion in this House whether it is pleasant or unpleasant. But, for the conduct of Proceedings in a Legislature, rules and Regulations and Standing Orders have been laid down based upon long experience in other countries and in our own country. The main objects in so rigidly defining rules on discussions are really two-fold. Firstly, to concentrate the discussions on the particular topics, and secondly, to ensure that every body gets a fair opportunity to express his view. It is to achieve these two objects that these rules and Regulations have been laid down and in my own experience I have found that even from the point of view of common sense, every one of these rules can be justified. Now, as I mentioned just a few minutes ago, when an Hon'ble Member gets up to speak in this House, he exercises his right and that right is exercised in virtue of one of the following, viz., to express his opinion and views regarding a certain subject-matter of discussion which is placed before us, or secondly to raise a point of order relating to a subject-matter of discussion or thirdly, to move any motion which he has got a right to move, under the rules and Standing orders. Beyond these three rules, no Member can in any Legislature get up all on a sudden and say 'I want to make a statement', on a subject which is not before the House. And when you come to think of it, it has got a very good reasoning. If one Hon'ble Member wants to get up and is allowed to make a statement you don't give opportunities to others to express their point of view. It is quite possible that in the statement of the Hon'ble Member, there might be statements which may be refuted on the floor of the House instantaneously and no Member gets a chance. Therefore, even from the point of view of common sense, the Hon'ble Member should realise that unless a subject is put down for discussion and there is the fullest opportunity for every section of the House to express its opinion, no Member can make a statement, and hence that cannot be permitted. When the Hon'ble Mr. T. K. Nayar wants to get up, I have to ask, 'What is it that you have to say'? Is it about any item in the Agenda or on any statement of the

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Secretary? It is not obviously on that. Is the Hon'ble Member making a statement on any point of order? No. Is the Hon'ble Member wanting to move any motion?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur).*—Yes.

Mr. President—At the end, he says 'yes'. And I will permit him to do so. But with regard to the moving of any particular motion, it is the right of the Hon'ble Member to move his motion and exercise the right vested in him. The other day when a similar motion was moved, I exercised my right and that, according to my interpretation of the rules and standing orders, no Hon'ble Member can, in the first instance, assign any reason when he makes such a motion and the reason for my ruling is very simple. Because the moment I allow him to make a motion, he will make a statement, and am I to allow the other Members to refute that statement. If I do not am I to allow that statement to go unchallenged to the outside world and be printed in the Council Proceedings? Obviously, it cannot be done. That is the reason why I hold that under that particular Standing Order, if an Hon'ble Member wants to move an adjournment motion, he can perfectly do so, but the Chair will not allow him to give any reasons. It is open to the Chair to decide whether it should accept the adjournment motion or not. And I decide that I will not. I am sure that I have explained the position sufficiently well. I will request the Hon'ble Member to let me know whether he wants to move the adjournment motion.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur).*—I move that the House be adjourned.

Mr. President—Then I say, I do not accept the motion.

Motion was ruled out of order.

(Messrs. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, K. Ayyappan, T. K. Nayar, A. Eachara Menon, V. K. Krishnankutty, K. M. Kunhi Moideen, T. C. Iyyukutty, P. Govinda Menon, K. M. Ibrahim, K. S. Panickar, K. Kunhirama Menon, P. J. Alexander, K. Ashtamoorthi Nambudiripad, M. V. Cherian, E. Ikkanda Warriar, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar, K. T. Mathew and C. R. Iyyunni then walked out of the Council.)

Announcement of Bill assented to by His Highness the Maharaja.

Secretary to the Council.—Under Standing Order No. 5 (2) of the Council, I have to announce to the House that the

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